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SUBJECT: PRESS COMMENT UNCTAD CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPT S FROM EDITORIAL MAY 17 IN LEADING
NATIONAL DAILY KOMPAS:

2. QTE THE FOURTH UNCTAD CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI, KENYA
WILL BE IN SESSION FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS. IT IS VERY
ENCOURAGING THAT THE GOUPOF 77 WHICH REPRESENTS THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, GENERALLY THE EXPORTERS OF RAW
MATERIALS, CONTINUES TO DISPLAY UNITY.

3. QTE THE UNITED STATES, REPRESENTED BY STATE SECRETARY
KISSINGER, THOUGH SHOWING A MORE PROGRESSIVE ATTITUDE, STILL
CONVEYS THE IMPRESSION OF WANTING TO SHOW ITS ECONOMIC
MUSCLE. THIS IS INDICATED BY KISSINGER'S SPEECH THAT
IF AN ECONOMIC WAR BREAKS OUT, IT IS THE U.S. THAT WILL
SUFFER THE LEAST. AMONG THE WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IT
IS WEST GERMANY WHICH SHOWS A HARD LINE THAT IS NOT
QUITE IN KEEPING WITH THE PROPOSAL OF THE GROUPOF 77.

4. QTE THERE ARE THREE MAJOR OBJECTIVES ON THE PART OF
THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, NAMELY TO GET A BETTER AND
STABLER PRICE COLLECTIVELY FOR THEIR RAW MATERIALS, TO
SPEED UP THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY COUPLED WITH THE
EXPANSION OF THE MARKET, AND TO GET AN ALLEVIATION OF
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THE DEBT BURDEN.

5. QTE IN NAIROBI THE GROUP OF 77 INTRODUCED A VERY CON-
CRETE COLLECTIVE PROPOSAL, NAMELY THE RESULT OF THE MANILA
AND JAKARTA MEETINGS. THE ESSENCE IS CONTAINED IN THE
SPEECH OF EKUIN MINISTER PROG. WIDJOJO NITISASTRO.

6. QTE THE CENTRAL POINT IS A GUARANTEE FOR A BETTER AND
STABLER PRICE FOR ABOUT 11 RAW MATERIALS PRODUCED BY THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. FOR THE PURPOSE FUNDS ARE NEEDED.
THE FUNDS WILL BE BORNE BY THE DEVELOPING AND INDUSTRIAL
COUNTRIES PLUS THE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE OIL EXPORTING
COUNTRIES AFFILIATED WITH OPEC.

7. QTE SINCE 1965 INDONESIA HAS BEEN MORE INWARD-LOOKING,
PUTTING THINGS IN ORDER AND LAYING DOWN THE PRINCIPLES OF
OUR OWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE
WE HAVE ADOPTED A LOW PROFILE POSTURE.

8. QTE NOW IT IS PROBABLY TIME FOR INDONESIA TO RAISE
ITS VOICE. THE PRESENCE IN ALL FORUMS, THE STRENGTH WITHIN,
THE ATTITUDE OF CONSULTATIONS RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION,
ALL THESE ARE POSITIVE ELEMENTS WHICH SUMMON INDONESIA TO
BE MORE ACTIVE. THERE ARE SIGNS THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS
INDEED MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION. ENDQTE. ENDUSINFO.
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